

# **DOCTOR WHO**

# **RADIO TIMES**

# **PLANET OF GIANTS**

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## POINTS FROM THE POST

### Where is Who?

WHATEVER has happened to *Dr. Who?*  
Wherever has he gone?  
Has he ' landed ' on BBC-2  
Instead of BBC-1?  
On the 12th September we saw  
him last,  
The *Tardis* was going strong.  
Are he and his friends to remain in  
the past?  
Please tell us it won't be for long.  
—Pat Goodall, Maldon, Essex.

Dr. Who will be back on your screen  
in November.—Editor.

# NEXT WEEK in Radio Times

## The State Opening of Parliament



On Tuesday H.M. The Queen goes to the Palace of Westminster to open the new Parliament in the presence of the Lords and the newly elected Commons. For the second time in history TV cameras and radio microphones will be allowed inside the precincts to bring you the ceremony as it happens



**Dr. Who**



The mysterious Doctor and his hapless companions resume their travels on Saturday



**U.S. Elections**



The contest for the American Presidency will be fully reported on TV and Radio



**David Jacobs**



stars in a thriller series, *Follow That Man*, taken up by different writers (Monday, Light)

## A Little Madness



Alan Whicker reports on Pocomania, a strange Jamaican cult (Tuesday)

## Benny Hill



He presents a show on Friday—a great night of comedy

## Wozzeck



The Covent Garden production of Berg's opera (Saturday, Third)

## Treble Chance



The travelling quiz show returns to the Light Programme (Tuesday)

## A Penny for the Guy



Conrad Vos Bark tells the story of the Gunpowder Plot (Thursday, Home)

# Summary of Programmes for

## SATURDAY

## OCTOBER 31

### TELEVISION

**9.30-10.30** Stereophony (Sound only)

**12.0** The Science of Man: Series 3

**12.30** Komm mit! Wir sprechen Deutsch: a course for beginners.  
Lesson 5

**12.55** Announcements

**1.0** Grandstand

**5.15** Dr. Who: 'Planet of Giants'

**5.40** Juke Box Jury

**6.5** News; Weather

**6.15** Temple Houston: a film series.

**7.5** Dixon of Dock Green, starring  
Jack Warner in 'Smithy'

**7.50** Black and White Minstrel Show

**8.35** Dr. Kildare, starring Richard  
Chamberlain in 'What's Difficult  
about Today?'

**9.25** Thorndyke: 'Percival Bland's  
Proxy'

**10.15** News and Sport

**10.30** 1964 International Ballroom  
Championships

**11.15** Weather

### Today's Sport

**GRANDSTAND 1.0-5.15**

**Racing** AT AINTREE

**Rugby League**  
YORKSHIRE CUP FINAL

**Motoring**  
THE KEN WHARTON TROPHY

**Amateur Boxing**  
FROM PENARTH

**SPORTS SERVICE 12.30-6.0**

In the Third Network (see below), including  
**SPORTS PARADE** and **SPORTS REPORT**

# Saturday

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**5.15** FAR, fabulous, and wonderfully fantastic have been the adventures of Dr. Who and his companions since that night when Ian and Barbara first stumbled upon the secret of Totter's Lane. Followers of the erratic progress of the space-time-ship *Tardis* will remember that this was what started it all: the two schoolteachers becoming suspicious about the extraordinary mental capacity of their young pupil Susan, following her to where a police telephone-box incongruously stood, and there getting 'shanghaied' aboard the kiosk, which was really her grandfather's vessel *Tardis*, to start their long odyssey.

Their first voyage sent them spinning backwards in time to the dawn of man on earth, the Stone Age period when the dwellers in caves were beginning to learn that fire could save them from disappearing from their icy world. No sooner had the travellers escaped from this inhospitable time and place when they were whirled into the far future and a distant corner of the cosmos.

It was on the planet Skaro that they encountered a race of strange beings—which at once achieved national fame and popularity. These were the Daleks, those squat, spindly-armed robots with eerie voices who at that time were locked in bitter warfare with the human-like Thals for control of the planet. In the great climactic battle, Dr. Who and his companions helped the Thals to wipe out the electrically nourished monsters.

From Skaro, back to the beginning of time itself, and a brief but harrowing adventure set entirely aboard *Tardis*. And when the vessel touched land again it was in the snowy wilderness of the high Pamir, the Roof of the World, where the young Venetian traveller Marco Polo was building the first bridge between the civilisations of East and West.

The long journey continued then to another distant planet, Marinus. There they came up against yet another weird and malignant order of beings, the Voords, who sought to prevent the travellers from pursuing their quest for the four keys which alone could preserve the planet and win for *Tardis* freedom to depart.

The next adventure brought them down to earth again, to the bloodthirsty but beautiful empire of the Aztecs which flourished before the Spanish *conquistadores* brought its doom. Thence they voyaged into outer space again, to help the Sensorites to regain their planet, returning once more to earth only to find themselves embroiled in the horrors of the French Revolution.

And still success eludes the Doctor in his struggle to return to his own world and his own century. In the new series which begins today he is off on his travels once more—still accompanied by his three young companions—and the first story is called 'Planet of Giants.' In this the travellers learn what Gulliver must have felt like when he landed on the island of Brobdingnag to find himself suddenly become a manikin plaything for a lady.

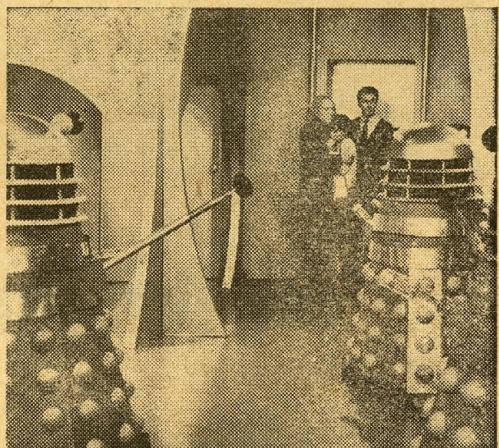
After that—who knows? But Dr. Who knows one thing: he has not seen the last of the Daleks. Certainly he has destroyed them; but *Tardis* can travel anywhere in time, so he is quite likely to come up with them again several centuries before their extinction, and the battle may be joined anew. For the rest, all time is open to the questing *Tardis*.

## The Return of **DR. WHO**

**The adventure  
on the Planet of  
Giants starting  
today is the  
latest in an  
amazing series  
recalled here by  
Michael Williams**



The first adventure—in the Stone Age



The Daleks aroused nation-wide interest



The Sensorites—the weirdest creatures yet



Where you left them—in revolutionary France

# HIGHLIGHTS

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BBC tv



William Hartnell returns to BBC-1 on Saturday in a new *Dr. Who* adventure

## Plays

### In Camera (Wednesday, BBC-1)

Harold Pinter stars in a translation of Sartre's famous 'Huis Clos'

### Write Me a Murder

(Thursday, BBC-2)

A thriller by Frederick Knott, author of *Dial 'M' for Murder*

### Encore: The Master of Santiago

(Friday, BBC-2)

Another chance to see Henry de Montherlant's powerful drama

## SERIES AND SERIALS

### Dr. Who (Saturday, BBC-1)

The space-time adventurers have reached the Planet of Giants

### The Old Wives' Tale: 4

(Saturday, BBC-2)

Sophia, deserted by Gerald, has been arrested as a spy (Repeated on Wednesday)

### Thorndyke (Saturday, BBC-1)

The forensic expert faces the case of 'Percival Bland's Brother'

### The Count of Monte Cristo

(Sunday, BBC-1)

Edmond hears news of old friends and enemies

### Kipling (Sunday, BBC-1)

'Love o' Women' is the problem in this episode

### Curtain of Fear: 2

(Wednesday, BBC-2)

Rassilov is found murdered (Repeated on Friday)

### Z Cars (Wednesday, BBC-1)

Two crimes occur at the same time and the same place

## Events

### The State Opening of Parliament

(Tuesday)

By Her Majesty the Queen

## Plays

### In Camera (Wednesday)

Harold Pinter stars in a translation of Sartre's famous 'Huis Clos'

## SERIES AND SERIALS

### Dr. Who (Saturday)

The space-time adventurers have reached The Planet of Giants

### Dixon of Dock Green (Saturday)

George Dixon deals with a case involving a man called 'Smithy'

### Thorndyke (Saturday)

The forensic expert faces the case of 'Percival Bland's Brother'

### The Count of Monte Cristo: 5

(Sunday)

Edmond hears news of old friends and enemies

### Kipling (Sunday)

'Love o' Women' is the problem in this episode

### Swizzlewick (Monday and Wednesday)

The reputation of Humbert Yapp is still a matter for concern in the town

### Compact (Tuesday and Friday)

Doug takes charge and there is a setback for Camilla

### Z Cars (Wednesday)

Two crimes occur at the same time and the same place



**Dr. Who** (played by William Hartnell) and his hapless companions have reached The Planet of Giants when a new adventure begins on Saturday

## **FOR THE DEAF**

**Synopses are now available for these forthcoming TV plays: for adults, Z Cars—'Welcome Home, Jigger' (November 11); 'The Big Breaker' by Alun Richards (November 18); and 'Mr. Douglas' by John Prebble (November 25); and, for children, notes on the first and second series of adventures of 'Dr. Who,' first series October 31—November 21, second series November 28—January 2; 'The Count of Monte Cristo' serial in 12 episodes, parts 6-9 (November 8—November 29). Write to the R.N.I.D., 105 Gower Street, London, W.C.1, marking the envelope **PLAYS.****

**5.15**

## **DR. WHO**

An adventure in space and time

starring

**WILLIAM HARTNELL**

**WILLIAM RUSSELL**

**JACQUELINE HILL**

and **CAROLE ANN FORD**



### **Planet of Giants**

Dr. Who..... **WILLIAM HARTNELL**

Ian Chesterton..... **WILLIAM RUSSELL**

Barbara Wright..... **JACQUELINE HILL**

Susan Foreman..... **CAROLE ANN FORD**

Forester..... **ALAN TILVERN**

Farrow..... **FRANK CRAWSHAW**

Title music by **RON GRAINGER**  
with the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

In incidental music composed and  
conducted by **DUDLEY SIMPSON**

Story editor, **David Whitaker**

Designer, **Raymond P. Cusick**

Producer, **VERITY LAMBERT**

Directed by **MERVYN PINFIELD**

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# **Plays**

## **Pale Horse, Pale Rider (Wednesday)**

A dramatisation of Katherine Anne Porter's tender love story

## **SERIES AND SERIALS**

### **Dr. Who (Saturday)**

The space and time travellers are forced to take another 'Dangerous Journey'

### **Dixon of Dock Green (Saturday)**

The Dock Green force has a case involving local dignitaries

### **Thorndyke (Saturday)**

For the first time Thorndyke finds himself in actual physical danger

### **The Count of Monte Cristo: 6**

(Sunday)

Edmond finds an unexpected ally and sets sail for far-off places

### **Swizzlewick**

(Monday and Wednesday)

Intrigues continue to enliven the affairs of the small town

### **Compact (Tuesday and Friday)**

Mistaken identity complicates the affairs of the magazine

### **Z Cars (Wednesday)**

A boy comes out of Borstal with revenge on his mind

**5.15**

## **DR. WHO**

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### **Dangerous Journey**

Dr. Who..... WILLIAM HARTNELL

Ian Chesterton..... WILLIAM RUSSELL

Barbara Wright..... JACQUELINE HILL

Susan Foreman..... CAROLE ANN FORD

Forester..... ALAN TILVERN

Smithers..... REGINALD BARRATT

Farrow..... FRANK CRAWSHAW

Title music by **RON GRAINER**

with the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Incidental music by **DUDLEY SIMPSON**

Story editor, David Whitaker

Designer, Raymond P. Cusick

Producer, **VERITY LAMBERT**

Directed by **MERVYN PINFIELD**

Surrounded by every danger, the travellers discover a new sort of death.

# Summary of Programmes for

## SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 14

### TELEVISION

9.30-10.30 Stereophony: sound only  
12.0 The Science of Man: Egg to Adult  
12.30 German lessons for beginners  
12.55 Announcements  
1.0 Grandstand  
5.0 Ulster Scoreboard  
5.15 Juke Box Jury  
5.40 Dr. Who: 'Crisis'  
6.5 News and Weather  
6.15 Dixon of Dock Green  
7.0 Temple Houston: a Western film  
7.50 The Good Old Days: Old-Time Music-Hall  
8.40 'The Rogues': a film series  
9.30 The Great War: a history of the 1914-18 War: Part 5  
10.10 News and Sport  
10.25 Not So Much a Programme More a Way of Life: with David Frost, P. J. Kavanagh, William Rushton  
11.10 Weather

### Today's Sport

**GRANDSTAND 1.0-5.0**

**Racing** AT CHELTENHAM

**Swimming** AT DUMFRIES  
THE BOLOGNA TROPHY

**Rugby League**  
CASTLEFORD v. SWINTON

**Moto-Cross** AT LEIGHTON, NEAR FROME

**SPORTS SERVICE 12.30-6.0**

In the Third Network (see below), including  
**SPORTS PARADE** and **SPORTS REPORT**

# **5.15**

## **DR. WHO**

An adventure in space and time

starring

**WILLIAM HARTNELL**

**WILLIAM RUSSELL**

**JACQUELINE HILL**

and **CAROLE ANN FORD**

**Crisis**

by LOUIS MARKS

Dr. Who..... **WILLIAM HARTNELL**

Ian Chesterton..... **WILLIAM RUSSELL**

Barbara Wright..... **JACQUELINE HILL**

Susan Foreman..... **CAROLE ANN FORD**

Forester..... **ALAN TILVERN**

Smithers..... **REGINALD BARRATT**

Hilda Rowse..... **ROSEMARY JOHNSON**

Bert Rowse..... **FRED FERRIS**

Title music by **RON GRAINGER**  
with the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Incidental music by **DUBLEY SIMPSON**

Costume supervisor, Daphne Dare

Make-up supervisor, Sonia Markham

Story editor, David Whitaker

Designer, Raymond P. Cusick

Producer, **VERITY LAMBERT**

Directed by **DOUGLAS CAMFIELD**

# Summary of Programmes for

## SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 21

### TELEVISION

**12.0** The Science of Man: From Egg to Adult

**12.30** Komm Mit! Wir sprechen Deutsch: a course for beginners

**12.55** Announcements

**1.0** Grandstand

**5.0** Ulster Scoreboard

**5.15** Juke Box Jury

**5.40** Dr. Who

**6.5** News and Weather

**6.15** Dixon of Dock Green, starring Jack Warner

**7.0** Temple Houston: a Western film

**7.50** The Black and White Minstrel Show

**8.35** The Rogues: a film series

**9.25** The Great War: a twenty-six-part history of the 1914-18 War. Part 6

**10.5** News and Sport

**10.20** Not So Much a Programme, More a Way of Life: with David Frost, P. J. Kavanagh, William Rushton

**11.5** Weather

### Today's Sport



**GRANDSTAND 1.0-5.0**

**Racing** AT DONCASTER

**Motoring** AT WENDOVER  
THE TV TROPHY

**SPORTS SERVICE 12.30-6.0**

In the Third Network (see below), including  
**SPORTS PARADE** and **SPORTS REPORT**